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Governor Jan Brewer Names Henry Darwin as Director of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality

PHOENIX – Governor Jan Brewer today named Henry R. Darwin the new Director of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ). Darwin, who has served as Acting Director since the departure of Benjamin Grumbles in December, has received a full appointment as the new ADEQ Director.

"I am pleased to announce the appointment of Henry Darwin," said Governor Brewer. "Henry has done a remarkable job serving as Acting Director of the Department by overseeing the budget, legislation and key policy decisions. He has a proven track record of professional excellence when it comes to safeguarding Arizona's natural resources."

In earlier positions with ADEQ, Mr. Darwin served as Deputy Director and Chief of Staff for the agency, and oversaw its day-to-day operations. He also has served as Acting Director of the Water Quality Division and as Administrative Counsel of the agency. Programs he has managed within the department over in recent years include: air quality, water quality and the Underground Storage Tank compliance program. His prior employment experience includes time as in-house environmental counsel for Salt River Project, and a brief stint as an Assistant Arizona Attorney General on special assignment to ADEQ's hazardous waste program.

Mr. Darwin, a native of Yuma, holds a Bachelor of Science in Hydrology from the University of Arizona, and a J.D. from the Northwestern School of Law at Lewis & Clark College. He is a licensed attorney in Arizona, was the primary author of ADEQ's Compliance and Enforcement Handbook and also developed the Arizona Environmental Performance Track program.

In 2001, Mr. Darwin received the EPA Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Bronze Medal, which is the highest award given to non-EPA staff. A year later, he was honored with the ADEQ Supernova Star Award, the highest award given to an ADEQ employee. In 2006, Mr. Darwin received the ADEQ Bronze Star Award for his promotion of innovative and efficient operations within the agency.

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